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## PETITION AND FEE FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION **OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time to and including October 12, 2004, to file a response to the Final Office Action dated June 9, 2004, which carried an original response date of September 9, 2004.

Please charge the amount of \$110.00 for the one-month extension, and any additional fee which may be due or any other charges in connection with the submission of this response to Deposit Account No. 13-0206. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for that purpose.

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Respectfully submitted,

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